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JOHNSTOWN.

Seventeenth Convention of the Pennsylvania Society.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The Picnic at Roxbury Park— Members Present.

(Specially Reported for the JOURNAL.)

The Seventeenth Convention of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf met at Johnstown, Pa., August 5th to 7th, with an attendance of about one hundred deaf-mutes. The whole number of members of the Society is about 165, of which only 65 were present.

In the absence of the Mayor, City Solicitor Charles C. Greer, delivered an address of welcome, Prof. A. U. Downing acting as interpreter. This arduous duty Prof. Downing performed throughout the sessions.

President Allabough delivered the following address, which was listened to with undivided attention:

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow-Members, and Friends—We are assembled for the seventeenth time in twenty-two years, and for the first time in this famous city. This is the second regular annual meeting of the Society, and the first since the Home for the Deaf was founded. The Society must meet annually in the summer of every year, at such time and place as the Board of Managers may determine, in accordance with the Charter and By-Laws, for the election of four new Managers for a term of three years and the transaction of other business.

The selection of this city as a place of meeting was in recognition of the valuable services its deaf inhabitants, now known as the Johnstown Local Branch, have rendered to the Society, especially the Home for the Deaf and the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, at Doylestown, Pa. I know that we shall have a pleasant time while here, for Mr. R. M. Barker, the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, and Mr. William F. Brazil, the Chairman of the Local Branch, and their assistants, have left no stone unturned to make everything pleasant for the visitors. The people of this city are interested in our affairs, and have done us many favors through their representatives and the press. The thanks of the Society are due the local members and their friends.

The P. S. A. D. membership in which gives us special pride, is formed for worthy purposes, founded on sound principles and conducted with the fairest and most consistent conservatism. For twenty-two years it has been my privilege to watch its progress, and I can say, without fear of contradiction, that the Society has been a power for good. Besides advancing the interests of the deaf in the State in various ways, its greatest work is the Home, which has given to the deaf a place of their own, and has made them a part of the community. Nothing appeals to our sympathy more than these old people, who have outlived all belonging to them, and must now depend upon others to help them through the end of their journey, or as is often the case, they are deserted by those who should care for them, and they are left to strangers.

This class, who have long since passed the period of youth, strive against adversity. They are helpless in a large measure, and appeal strongly to our sympathy, for they are the only ones who are left in the places of employment that such can fill are readily given to the young and presumably better-equipped applicant. With a hearing apparatus, the deaf cannot successfully compete. As a result, a considerable number of them have to spend their declining days in the almshouse, where their lot is not so happy as it might be, owing to isolation and stagnation. Their relatives will not care for them. This is to us a very pathetic aspect of our present-day conditions. Hence the establishment of the Home at Doylestown to provide a haven of rest for this unfortunate class, so that during their declining years they may find peace and happiness in congenial companionship with their fellow sufferers.

It is needless to say that the Home is a handsome structure, entirely in keeping with the requirements of the present time. The successful administration of this institution reflects much credit on the Board of Trustees, especially those who have immediate charge of its affairs. William Barker, Daniel Paul, and John E. Leitch, both of Doylestown, are among the most valued Trustees. They have rendered the Home valuable services. They deserve the thanks of the Society. All this was largely on our resources, so that we must be up and doing all the time, for our dependence is

entirely upon voluntary contributions, receipts from socials, entertainments and lectures, and one-half the membership fees in the Society.

The Ladies' Committee, referred to by the Trustees in their report, have rendered services whose influence is deeply felt and promises good results for the Home.

The domestic affairs of the Home have been conducted under the care of the matron in a manner to meet our approval. Economy has been strictly observed in the disbursement of the funds; the table has been supplied with good and wholesome food; cleanliness and neatness throughout the house has been maintained, making it a home in all the world implies. The executive officer of such an institution must be possessed of natural ability. Miss Sarah H. McCready, the matron, seems to meet this requirement in a large measure.

I should like to see the Home have a good library, not only of books, but also of magazines, newspapers, and illustrated papers, for the free use of the inmates. I believe that it would enable them to use their spare hours to their own pleasure and profit. Of course, the funds, now so low, are not sufficient for this purpose. May we not hope that some charitable inclined persons will build a monument of gratitude to the Society by supplying this need? The Free Library of Philadelphia has sent to the Home five books for the blind inmates. Our responsibilities have increased since the Home was founded. New and serious conditions and circumstances, of which we did not dream when this Society was in its infancy, have arisen. The greatest responsibility falls on us at present is the maintenance of this institution.

It is a lamentable fact, as disclosed by an examination of the report of the Board of Managers, that the treasury runs at a low ebb toward the end of each month, but with the ushering in of the new month relief comes. In this state of affairs there is need for a serious reflection.

The question, therefore, which transcends every other one, is the support of the Home, not for the present alone, but for the future. Its future maintenance is a problem. Devising ways and means to this end will require the exercise of much ingenuity.

It is a fact and that the vast majority of the deaf of the State fail to fully comprehend this. The P. S. A. D. is too much of a leaders' work. It must not be forgotten that the Managers of the Society are elected by the deaf, and they are to advance their interests. We would rather that the deaf would say, "Do it, O servants and friends of ours, and we will supply you with all the means and help you need. It is our work."

While much has been accomplished through regular organization, a good deal has also been done without regular organization, or without previous authorization from the Society. Here I wish to mention three instances which show what can be done by the deaf. Mr. and Mrs. James G. Pool, of Bunker, Westmoreland County, Pa., raised \$97.35, the proceeds of an ice-cream and cake sale, which they donated to the Society. After deducting the expenses, they sent \$52 to the Society. This result was very astounding, since the fund was raised in a very short time, and the money was given to the Society. It speaks well for the spirit of this enterprising couple.

The sum of \$42.14 was raised by a party given by Mrs. Allabough, one evening last January. A very novel plan has been adopted by Mrs. Colin Teegarden, the wife of the worthy Silk bagger, who has distributed among the deaf and friends of Pittsburgh and vicinity several months ago, with the request that each holder drop in one cent for the fund. Results can be accomplished only by action. If every one of you would interest yourselves in entertainments of various sorts once or twice a year, there would be no cause for worry over the future support of the Home.

The amount required for the support of the Home is about \$125 per month, which must not include incidentals. The mortgage of \$2500 still remains unpaid, and the interest thereon is \$125 annually. So if funds are not forthcoming with more regularity, it would not be fair for us, the Trustees, to run on a broken reed.

The Home shelters eight inmates, two men and six women. Of the latter, two are totally blind, while two others are fast becoming so. There are several applicants for admission, but they cannot be accommodated, owing to lack of funds. Without an endowment or appropriations from the State or counties, the Home cannot successfully support its inmates. Certain members of this Society ought to be admitted to the Home as a free inmate, when incapacitated by reason of old age or any other physical infirmity. Certain members should be given the right to support the Home as a free inmate, when incapacitated by reason of old age or any other physical infirmity. Certain members should be given the right to support the Home as a free inmate, when incapacitated by reason of old age or any other physical infirmity.

In this connection, I wish to say a few words, so that there may be no further misunderstanding. An "idea" person, certain quarters that every qualified member of this Society ought to be admitted to the Home as a free inmate, when incapacitated by reason of old age or any other physical infirmity. Certain members should be given the right to support the Home as a free inmate, when incapacitated by reason of old age or any other physical infirmity. Certain members should be given the right to support the Home as a free inmate, when incapacitated by reason of old age or any other physical infirmity.

Not long I was asked if a drunkard might be admitted. I wish to say now and for all time that our Home is not a home for inebriated persons, and that we do not support such a person. Matters have, therefore, reached a point where we must make a greater effort to raise funds for the permanent support of this worthy institution. The more self-supporting the Home becomes the better. But unless its support comes more regularly from the State or counties, the Home cannot successfully support its inmates. Certain members of this Society ought to be admitted to the Home as a free inmate, when incapacitated by reason of old age or any other physical infirmity. Certain members should be given the right to support the Home as a free inmate, when incapacitated by reason of old age or any other physical infirmity. Certain members should be given the right to support the Home as a free inmate, when incapacitated by reason of old age or any other physical infirmity.

hearing friends. Right here is the pivotal point of the whole matter. If we relax our efforts, no money will ever come. It is a well-known fact that no effort can succeed without personal work. The greater the public activity the greater is the need for effort by the individuals of the Society.

There are three ways by which we can make money come: First by getting up entertainments, soliciting contributions, and appropriating fifty per cent. of the membership fees. This is all well, but we can hardly keep our arms stretched out much longer. Secondly, by securing appropriations from the counties sending their own inmates to the Home, as in the case of the Ohio Home. This would be better than the first plan, which entails thought and work and causes anxiety and worry. But it remains an open question whether we could get the counties to consent without some compulsory law enacted by the Legislature. Let us, however, see what can be done.

Thirdly, by appropriations from the Local Branches. The Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf is certainly entitled to State aid. It is the only institution of its kind in the State, and in my opinion the State Board of Public Charities would favor our petition. But we would rather make it self-supporting if practicable. Practicable? I earnestly hope that some philanthropist will come forward with a generous offer, down that will insure a sufficient income for the support, not only of the institution itself, but also of a certain number of inmates, so that they may be able to support themselves. This is no time to talk. We have got to think and act. We make an earnest appeal to the public for aid.

Before closing this subject, let me say that it is a great pleasure to record the fact that Mr. Joseph Mekal, who sold the property at Doylestown to us, is personally interested in the Home. He has worked for it in various ways.

THE LOCAL BRANCHES.

It is a matter of great regret that we have fewer local branches at present. Since the last convention two branches have passed out of existence. The chief cause was insufficient work together. A complaint was that too much work was done by a few. It is a condition, not a theory, that confronts us. Can it be remedied? Will it be remedied? This state of affairs proves that there is trouble somewhere.

A thorough knowledge of any undertaking to be carried out will improve confidence. Without confidence there can be no leadership, and no influence can be exerted effectively. Every leader should cultivate tact, and lead an encouraging hand wherever possible.

I can say without exaggeration that there does not live a boy or girl who at some time in their boyhood or girlhood does not dream of being great. The desire may come only in a flash, or it may be a deeper and more persistent longing, but it is there, an opportunity to be recognized and dealt with. Indeed, while the dream is there, more or less, it is a vision, a possibility of attainment, and remain unfulfilled, not because we are incapable of fulfilling them, but because we waste our energies in the pursuit of them. We spend the money lazily watching the smoke of our sentimentalism, instead of putting to practical use the kind of money we have. Watching the smoke never made anybody great.

Another reason why our dream dies is that we are not strong enough to work for a while, we grow tired over the absence of immediate results, and discouraged, put off our efforts. We are not strong enough to work for a while, we grow tired over the absence of immediate results, and discouraged, put off our efforts. We are not strong enough to work for a while, we grow tired over the absence of immediate results, and discouraged, put off our efforts.

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I regret to say that we could not secure a suitable editor of the Society News, hence its non-appearance. An attempt will be made to rectify the situation.

What shall we do about the proposed Federation of the Deaf mentioned in my address at the last convention? Perhaps the Home needs it. I do not know, but I wish to say that after due consideration, I am of the opinion that our Society could hardly be affiliated with the proposed Federation, as the latter is a corporation, and must be treated as such.

I recommend that the Board of Managers be authorized to appoint a reliable person to act as general collector, to canvass the counties interested may inspect the Home and make donations of material or cash to the institution. It is hoped that much good will result from this decision.

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Right here do I wish to say a few words about annual meetings of this Society. Original in the Society held meetings every three years. Later it was thought that this was not often enough, so biennial meetings were decided on. And still later on it was thought that annual meetings would best advance the interests of the Society by educating the public as to the aims and interests of the deaf, and give the deaf themselves in all parts of the State a chance to take part in the work of promoting the welfare of the deaf, especially after the establishment of a Home for the Deaf and the deaf became the chief object of the Society.

After several annual meetings had been held, it was seen that less interest was taken in the meetings, especially after the fifteenth convention, held in Pittsburg in 1900, it was decided to hold biennial meetings in the future. This change seemed to give satisfaction to the vast majority of the members of the Society, and it was predicted that more successful meetings would be the result. This prediction was verified when two years later, the convention of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf was held in Johnstown, and it was decided to hold biennial meetings in the future.

As I have said, the revised Charter of the Society now requires that at each annual meeting there shall be chosen four Managers. This seems to be a forced return to the holding of annual meetings which had been abandoned in the Charter of the Society, but then adjourned after the transaction of such other business as might come before the Society. By this plan biennial or triennial conventions could be arranged for with the least expense of time, labor and expense involved in arrangements for the same.

Where this convention to be held next year instead of this State, the attendance would be larger than now, and then the deaf of Johnstown would feel better repaid for their time, labor and money spent in making arrangements for the convention. Though in close proximity to this city, Pittsburg is very poorly represented numerically. A large delegation attended the convention in Philadelphia last year, but now many of the deaf could not afford the expense of another convention so soon, while the others want to go elsewhere on their vacation.

Therefore, I recommend that the Board of Managers arrange for a regular convention in 1906, when the Society will reach its twenty-fifth anniversary. In the meantime annual meetings may be held in 1904 and 1905 only for the purpose of electing four Managers.

One of our friends deserves special mention. Mr. F. W. Booth, the valued treasurer of the Home, was unfortunately taken ill the day after the dedication of the Home, and he has been unable to work for a while, we grow tired over the absence of immediate results, and discouraged, put off our efforts. We are not strong enough to work for a while, we grow tired over the absence of immediate results, and discouraged, put off our efforts.

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hart Fritzges, Pittsburg. The Committee on Nominations, nominated R. M. Ziegler, Philadelphia; Rinhart Fritzges, Pittsburg; Rev. F. C. Smileau, Harrisburg; Oliver Krause, Allentown, and they were elected unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Francis J. Clerc, of Phillipsburg, Pa., the son of Laurent Clerc, was present and took part in the exercises. He made an announcement showing himself to be decidedly in favor of the Combined Method of instruction, acknowledging that the Oral has some merits, and in some cases is the best method, yet as a whole he considered the Combined System as the best method of instructing the deaf.

On the evening of the opening day Rev. Mr. Mann conducted services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and he was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Smileau and Rev. Dr. Francis J. Clerc. The meeting drew a large crowd of hearing people from the city. After the services every one was surprised to find that a nice reception awaited them, and of which even the Committee on Arrangements knew nothing; refreshments were served, and the credit was especially due to the pastor, Rev. E. I. Green.

Dr. A. L. E. Crouter, who was expected, was unable to attend, but Principal William But, of the Western Pennsylvania School was present, so the Convention people were not so much disappointed as they would have been if both Superintendents had been absent.

Mr. Burt spoke of the objects of the Home, and the support it should receive from hearing people, as well as the deaf.

He and Mr. A. U. Downing were the principal interpreters of the proceedings. Rev. Mr. Mann gave a brief account of the establishment and maintenance of the Ohio Home, thinking it might benefit the members.

Mr. E. C. Harrah, who three years ago was in charge of the Ohio Home for some months, spoke briefly of his experiences during his Superintendency.

Rev. F. C. Smileau, who, though a Pennsylvanian now, hails from Ohio, called the members' attention to the fact that there were from 4,500 to 6,000 deaf-mutes in the State of Pennsylvania, outside of the schools, but that only about 165 have thus far joined the Society, and he urged the members to work harder to increase the membership.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be tendered the members of the Young Men's Christian Association, through their Secretary, Mr. E. R. Wilson, for their kindness in placing at our disposal the use of the auditorium for our meetings.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to Mr. John Pender, who has given the Society the free use of Roxbury Park for our picnic in order that the Home may benefit by it in a financial way.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the measure of the Board of Managers in authorizing the several Railroad Companies to issue the excursion tickets to Johnstown at greatly reduced rates.

Resolved, That we thank the two local papers, the Democrat and the Tribune for publishing the accurate details of the proceedings of our meetings.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to the Rev. Mr. B. Green and the ladies of St. Mark's P. E. Church for the pleasant reception tendered us and for the opportunity to meet each other in a social way.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for the presence of Mr. William But, the Superintendent of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

Resolved, That we thank Mr. A. U. Downing for his services as interpreter.

Resolved, That our thanks are due in a large measure to Messrs. R. M. Barker and William Brazil and the Committee on Arrangements, who spared no effort to make our visit to Johnstown pleasant and profitable.

Mr. James S. Reider, the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, could not be present at the meeting and the President appointed E. C. Harrah, of Casselman, Pa., Treasurer pro tem. He secured membership fees and donations to the amount of \$56.38.

It is believed the sentiment in favor of the next convention is Allentown. But the Board of Managers, by means of the charter, has the power to decide about the date and location of the meetings.

In the midst of the sessions telegrams of greeting were received from J. P. McIlvaine, of Philadel-

phia, secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Home; from Rinhart Fritzges, of the Local Branch of the Smoky City, of Western Pennsylvania; and lastly one came from the convention being held in Maryland, and President Allabough was directed to return the greeting to the latter.

The afternoon of the first day was spent in sightseeing about the city. Most of the crowd went up to and visited Grand View Cemetery, where are located some 900 unmarked graves of victims of the great flood of 1889. The weather being fine and all that could be desired, all enjoyed the trip well.

The convention was in session but one and a half day. One-half day was given to sightseeing about the city, and one whole day to the picnic.

The fine arrangements for the convention were mostly due to the chairman of the committee of arrangements, R. M. Barker, and his well selected aids from the Johnstown Local Branch, J. F. Laird, Wm. Brazil, Chas. Friant, H. McHugh, J. Mishler, and W. V. James. Among the persons in attendance at the convention were: B. R. Allabough, Geo. M. Teegarden, Samuel Haas, Carrie Finley, Jesse Baker, Mrs. Jesse Baker, W. H. Fernekes, Abraham Richman, A. U. Downing, J. G. Clark, Mrs. J. G. Clark, John Woodrow, C. Friant, F. C. Smileau, G. W. Andrews, E. C. Harrah, Guy Montgomery, Isaac Oleweiler, Mrs. Rosa Kost, George Saunders, Mrs. George Saunders, Josiah Mishler, Mrs. Josiah Mishler, Miss Helena Stadliff, Philip Gittens, Jonathan Haney, Mrs. Jonathan Haney, Harry Fernekes, D. O. Blair, Mrs. D. O. Blair, B. C. Crider, R. Ziegler, James C. Pool, Mrs. James C. Pool, J. M. Postlewaite, Charles L. Leabhart, G. B. Bowers, Henry McHugh, R. M. Barker, Mrs. R. M. Barker, William Brazil, D. D. Bentzel, Scott I. Miller, G. B. Wilson, S. H. Speck, Mrs. S. H. Speck, Elmer C. Sommer, Elizabeth Loughridge, Cora Ford, Susan H. Criste, Henry Bardes, Rev. Francis J. Clerc, John E. Rosensteel, Mrs. John E. Rosensteel, W. V. James.

THE PICNIC.

The picnic and games at Roxbury Park under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, were a fitting close to the three days' convention.

The day was perfect and a crowd of 700 to 800 people were in attendance. Though it was a deaf mute affair the majority of the people were not deaf, but friends of the society, and took as keen an interest in the pleasures of the occasion as the "silent ones."

The dancing pavilion was early filled with devotees of the light fantastic. Now, it may seem impossible for deaf people to take advantage of the music. Usually one of the two partners could enjoy the beauty of the sweet strains and thus the other one could get the advantage of it. Brown's orchestra of this city furnished the music and the pavilion was often filled with the dancers. The people who could talk and hear endeavored to make the occasion a pleasant one for those who could not.

As the proceeds of the picnic were to be devoted to liquidating the indebtedness on the home for aged deaf of the society, the members used the horticultural hall for a refreshment room, and in that way added considerably to the fund. Ice cream, fruit, sandwiches and coffee were the main features in the refreshment line.

Bicycle and running races were on the program and proved very interesting to the grandstand crowd. In the one-mile bicycle event Albert Barker and Charles Schatz, both of Johnstown, were the contestants. The former proved winner, his time being 3:40. There were also several half-mile bicycle contests. Scott Miller and George Wilson, both of Philadelphia, started in the first one, and the former won, his time being 1:32. In the second race John Rosensteel, of Ebensburg, won from Emanuel Bentzel in 1:28. In the third, Chas. Schatz defeated Albert Barker by a foot, in 1:38. The victor had a handicap of 60 feet. Scott Miller

won from John Rosensteel in the fourth event. His time was 1:29.

A half-mile walking match between five men was a novel feature. Geo. Wilson, of Philadelphia, won, his time being 5:40.

Rev. F. C. Smileau, of Harrisburg, was starter. R. M. Ziegler, Timer. The game of ball between the Eastern and Western delegates was won by the latter. Score, 20-8.

The twilight games between the Johnstown Mutes vs. the Mohawks, was won by the Mohawks. Score, 11-3.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the mutes enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Their actions were those of gentlemen and ladies, and each one vied with the other to have the best time. There was a fraternal spirit among them that is seldom seen. The little children seemed to be almost as adept at using the sign language as their elders, and seemed to feel the spirit of the occasion. R. M. Barker, of this city, was chairman of the committee on arrangements. R. M. Ziegler, Sec'y, Thos. Breen, J. A. Leitner, Henry Bardes, W. V. James and Chas. Andrews, gate keepers, also E. C. Harrah.

Pope Leo and Pius X in Wax at the Eden Musee.

A few months before the death of Pope Leo details were secured from Rome by which a new figure of Pope Leo was made by the artists of the Eden Musee. As soon as his death occurred, a section of the vatican was reproduced in a special alcove and the figure was changed so that it represented the Pope lying in state guarded by his valet and a Cardinal. This group has attracted the attention of many churchmen and has been pronounced of great interest and perfect in detail as to the clothing. Pope Leo formerly occupied a chair in the famous group of Rulers of the World. As soon as the new Pope was chosen, accurate details and measurements were secured by the Musee and the artists worked night and day until a figure was completed when it took its place among the Rulers of the World. A number of prominent Catholics who have seen the new Pope have inspected the figure and pronounced it a splendid reproduction of the great churchman. This keeps the famous group thoroughly up to date. The other attractions at the Musee during the summer months are many and varied. New moving pictures are shown hourly afternoon and evening, with a change of pictures each hour. The mysterious pictures pictures are of unusual interest. The afternoon and evening concerts are of much interest to lovers of music and the wax exhibits are at their best.

THE WAR AGAINST POLICY.

One of the most splendid efforts ever made in behalf of the suffering poor is the protracted war against policy, conducted by Captain L. Norton Goddard and his associates, which culminated recently in the conviction of "Al." Adams and others, who are now serving their time in Sing Sing prison. That these modern crusaders face great dangers is shown by the shooting of Charles S. Macfarlane in court by the negro policeman, Spencer, against whom he was to testify. As modern life is more complex than that of former times, so the character developed by Macfarlane required more intricate calculations, more deep-seated determination, the constant braving of perils, month after month, a clearer recognition of the high service to be demanded and loss of sympathy on the part of his fellow citizens, brutalized into accepting policy theft from the poor as part of the recognized order of things. Frank Moss, who throughout this struggle has been the adviser of the "Anti-Policy Society," writes, in The Cosmopolitan for August, an intimate and interesting account of "The Tragedy of Policy in New York."

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Wherever wrong is done

To the humblest and the weakest
Neath the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us,
And they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves,
And not for all the race."

DEAF-MUTE CURED.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—A woman who claims to have seen a messenger from heaven and who is said to have been cured of deafness in the village of Mendy near Brest, has created a sensation in those regions.

The healed woman is Marie Raguenes, who was born and raised in Mendy. She is now 40 years old. At the age of 12 of Marie had a severe attack of typhoid fever, and, though she survived the malady, she lost her speech entirely. Five years later she lost her parents. As she was not prepossessing in appearance and could not make herself understood, except by signs, it was difficult for her to find employment, and often she was compelled to beg in order to keep from actual starvation. For the last four years she was employed by a peasant to herd cows, an occupation regarded around Brest as the most menial for a woman. For nearly three decades Marie had been praying fervently to be healed, but her supplications remained unanswered until two weeks ago.

MARIE TELLS HER STORY.

Of her marvelous cure, Marie speaks as follows:

"Two weeks ago last Wednesday, toward sundown, I was on my way home with the cows, when, as I came near the little grove at the edge of the Park of Kerleou, I felt a felt a sudden impulse to kneel down in prayer. The sun was just setting and the horizon was brilliantly colored.

"I had knelt perhaps five minutes and was about to rise when I was suddenly confronted by an old man with a long, white beard. He looked at me meditatively. His right hand leaned on an alpenstock. His hat and garments showed much wear, his shoes were coarse and dust-covered, and he wore a long, gray mantle.

"I was frightened at first, but his voice was full of kindness and sweetness. He said earnestly: 'Fear not, my daughter, I will not harm thee. I come to bring thee help, to answer the prayer thou hast sent to heaven in silence for years.

"I almost fainted when I heard my own lips shout, 'Perhaps thou art the Lord Jesus Christ!'

"No replied the graybeard, 'I am only his servant. But let not thy pride rule thee now since thy prayer has been answered. Serve the Lord as thou hast done in the past by prayer and good works, for the world is not growing better and sins are on the increase.'

"With these words the strange man disappeared like a spirit. My cows had run away and I had all I could do to overtake them. Then brought them home in safety, and when the farmer and his family heard me give answer to their questions they were stricken with awe."

CURE PRONOUNCED A MIRACLE.

Dr. Maurice Jocoques, a famous Brest physician, has pronounced the cure miraculous. The villagers who have known Marie from childhood vouch for her piety and veracity. The skeptics would explain the restoration of speech to the sudden attack of fright at the sight of the stranger, but Marie says that in her work she has often been frightened more intensely than on this occasion.

At any rate, the bulk of the population believes a miracle has been wrought. A society has been formed, and it is intended to erect a chapel in the grove near the park.

What attitude the French Government will take toward the movement is somewhat problematical. The question of stopping the pilgrimages to Lourdes this year is still under consideration. The fate of the Mendy pilgrimages will depend on the Combes Cabinet's decision.

MARYLAND.

Proceedings of the State Convention.

A PICNIC—A BANQUET.

New Officers Elected—Some of those Present.

BALTIMORE, August 4.—About seventy-five of the members of the State Association of the Deaf were present at the opening sessions of the third biennial convention of the organization yesterday, in the hall of the Baltimore Society of the Deaf, on Madison Street, near Calvert. Though the meetings were silent ones, they were full of life, and judging from the quick, responsive smiles and the handclapping that followed the addresses, a general sprinkling of fun enlivened the debates.

The opening session was held in the afternoon and the convention was called to order in the sign language by president A. C. Buxton, of Govanstown. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Henry P. Benson, Mr. E. C. Wyand, of Keedysville, a graduate of Gallaudet College, and now a teacher in the State school at Frederick, served in Mr. Benson's place. Miss Julia M. Young, of Frederick, one of the teachers in the school at Frederick, acted as interpreter.

After the opening prayer, which was made by Rev. O. J. Whildin, of Grace Protestant Episcopal Mission for the Deaf, Mr. Buxton made an address. Following this the reports of officers and committees were presented; and an address on "Tact and Common Sense" was made by Mr. E. C. Wyand, and a paper on "Character," prepared by Frederick Tschiffely, was read by Miss Young. All of the addresses were delivered in the sign language, and for the benefit of those in the audience to whom that form of speech is unintelligible, while the addresses were being "signed" with vivid, rapid gestures the manuscripts prepared by the speakers were read by the interpreter. While Miss Young read the paper prepared by Mr. Tschiffely, who was prevented by business engagements from attending the meeting, Rev. D. E. Moylan, of Eutaw Street Methodist Episcopal Deaf-Mute Mission, interpreted the address in signs to the members of the association.

Since the formation of the organization, in 1892, Mr. Buxton said, the methods of teaching the deaf have been greatly improved and the standards of education have been raised so that the graduates of the schools for the deaf stand on a par with graduates of the public schools, so far as fundamental knowledge is concerned.

Mr. Buxton defended the use of the sign language and said that the opinion that had gained credence in some quarters that it was injurious to the intelligence of the deaf, is without foundation. The gesture language has been indorsed by every teacher of eminence, he said, and its best evidences of efficiency are to be found in the attainments of the deaf-mutes who have profited by it—chemists, lawyers, ministers; in fact, men in every walk in life who have received their training through that medium rather than by vocal speech.

LIBERALITY OF THE STATE.
The State of Maryland, Mr. Buxton said, has been liberal in its appropriations for the education of deaf-mutes, and the men and women educated in the schools in the State have received the training which enables them to be self-supporting and to fulfill intelligently the duties of citizenship. He hoped the time would come, he said, when appropriations could be increased to such an extent that besides the trades already taught—printing, carpentry, cabinet work, shoemaking, sewing and to a certain extent cooking—other industrial training, including machine work and pattern making, could be given.

FUND FOR A HOME.

He dwelt upon the advantages of the association in developing social and fraternal feeling among the deaf-mutes of the State, advocated the establishment of an employment bureau in connection with the organization, indorsed the proposed movement to raise a fund for the establishment of a home for the deaf in the State, and recommended that the association take the initiative in the movement.

MEMORIAL TO MR. W. R. BARRY.

In conclusion he reported that \$600 of the \$1,000 needed to complete the fund for the memorial to Mr. William R. Barry, of this city, who was president of the trustees of the school at Frederick for 30 years, and whose death occurred two years ago, had already been contributed. The memorial is to take the form of a marble bust of Mr. Barry by the young Maryland sculptor, Ernest Keyser, which is to be placed in the school at Frederick, and

which the association hopes to unveil in June, 1904.

MR. WYAND ON TACT.
In his address on "Tact and Common Sense," Mr. Wyand prefaced his remarks by quoting "Speech is silver, silence is gold; speech is human, silence is divine." He said that he would rather have said nothing, but that the presiding officer's tendencies were so Bryanistic that he insisted upon people being "silvery," and therefore he had been forced to speak.

"The cry of the age is for practical men," he continued. "It doesn't ask what you know or where you came from, but what you can do. A good many young people think that if they have a collegiate or technical training they have all that is necessary. Don't expect too much of books. The use of books must be found outside their covers."

ELECTION STIRS THINGS UP.

The night session was opened with prayer "signed" by Rev. Mr. Moylan. At the close of the prayer the committee on nominations, appointed at the afternoon session, consisting of Messrs. Gallion, Branflick, Brown, McElroy and Miss Barry, presented its report, and the convention settled down to the business of electing officers, devoting the evening to it. The contests between candidates were close, and strong speeches were "signed" with facile fingers and vivacious suggestive gestures by supporters of the different candidates. Though half a dozen delegates were on their feet talking at once there were no cries of "order" from other delegates who wanted to be heard, and as for the chairman's gavel—there was none.

Instead of making use of such an instrument the presiding officer occasionally stamped his feet to attract attention. He kept up a rapid firing conversation, arms, hands and facial expression aiding in the judicious course of jollyng, by which everybody was kept in the best of humor.

This is the ticket that was finally elected:

President—Albert C. Buxton, of Baltimore, re-elected.

First Vice-President—William C. McElroy, Baltimore.

Second Vice-President—Miss Janet Peebles, Allegany County.

Third Vice-President—Aaron B. Showman, Frederick.

Secretary—John A. Branflick, Baltimore.

Treasurer—Miss Annie A. Barry.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Elmer E. Butterback, Baltimore.

Miss Barry, who was re-elected treasurer, had sent in her resignation some time ago, and she gave vigorous and expressive reasons why she did not care to serve any longer, but nobody else agreed with her, and she was re-elected unanimously.

THE PICNIC.

The annual picnic of the Baltimore Association of the Deaf in Grove 8, Druid Hill Park, furnished an entertainment and an outing for the resident members of the association and for the out-of-town members also of the State organization. Between 200 and 300 were in attendance, family parties, little groups of friends, former schoolmates, giving the event largely the character of a reunion. And besides the Marylanders, there was a representation of Gallaudet College students, fine-looking young men and bright-faced girls, about a dozen in all, and from East, West, North and South, one of the girls claiming far-off Norway as her home.

In the afternoon, there were athletic contests, with fun for everybody and prizes for the successful contestants. First of all, came running races, ball throwing, potato races and egg races for the feminine contestants, and after these were over and all had had a chance to recover somewhat from the excitement, the men were given a chance to show their prowess as egg racers, in potato races, three-legged races, shoe races and in 100-yard dashes.

Prof. E. C. Wyand, of Frederick, and Mr. William Fugate, of Gallaudet, acted as judges, except in one or two of the races, in which Mr. Fugate's place was taken by one of the spectators while he participated in the contest. Mr. Fugate has a record as crack-runner for Gallaudet, but his competitors outdistanced him in the contests at the picnic. In the shoe contest, the participants were required to gather at a certain point and at a signal remove their shoes, throwing them into a pile. At another signal they made a dash for the pile, each contestant hustling to get his own shoes out of the mix-up, the prize going to the first man whose shoes were on and laced up properly, the judges paying especial attention to this point.

Only three of the men were brave enough to stand this ordeal, and the first prize, an umbrella, was won by William Fugate, the second, four pairs of socks, going to William Duvall.

The prizes offered were won as follows:

LADIES' CONTESTS.

Running—First prize, hatpin, Mrs. Ida Reamy; second, side combs, Miss Florence Alban.

Ball Throwing—First prize, waist set, Miss Maggie Cooper; second, collar, Miss Tades, of Gallaudet.

Potato Race—First prize, umbrella, Mrs. Retter; second, side combs, Miss Carrie Ebaugh.

Egg Race—First prize, pocket-book, Mrs. Retter; second, silver spoon, Miss Ebaugh.

MEN'S CONTESTS.

100-Yard Dash—First prize, mug and brush, Holton Steltz; second, whisk, Mr. Flood.

Three-Legged Race—First prize, suspenders, Messrs. Lingner and William Unsworth; second, neckties, Messrs. Holton Steltz and William Duvall.

Egg Race—First prize, penknife, William Unsworth.

Potato Race—First prize, clock, Mr. Lingner; second, penknife, Holton Steltz.

Shoe Race—First prize, umbrella, William Fugate; second, socks, William Duvall.

Messrs. J. A. Branflick, Aaron Friederich, J. Unsworth and Miss Annie R. Barry constituted the committee of arrangements for the picnic.

By a resolution passed at the closing session of the third biennial convention of the State Association of the Deaf yesterday morning, at the headquarters of the local society, on Madison Street, near Calvert, the organization decided to petition the State Legislature at its next session to extend the requirements of the Compulsory Education law so that the statute will be operative for mutes as well as other children of school age.

During discussion of the subject the fact was developed that there are between 700 and 800 deaf-mutes in the State—according to the general census returns 1 to every 1,500 of the population—and in that number there are to the knowledge of the members of the association about 300 children of school-going age who attend no school. It was said also that such an extension of the law would not necessitate the building of additional schools, as the state school at Frederick has accommodations for 250 pupils, while the annual enrollment is usually not more than 100.

The matter was left in the hands of a committee consisting of Messrs. E. C. Wyand, A. C. Buxton and J. A. Branflick, who were authorized to acquaint the members of the association and others interested in the movement; also to prepare the petition for presentation to the Legislature.

AGAINST ANNUAL CONVENTIONS.

The association likewise determined to petition the Legislature to enact a law which will secure to the mutes more adequate protection against impostors, especially those who represent themselves as solicitors for various undertakings, and obtain money on false pretenses; and the organization decided to offer a reward of \$25 to \$50 for the arrest of such swindlers.

A lively discussion precipitated by a motion made by Rev. O. J. Whildin that in future the conventions be held annually instead of biennially. Mr. E. C. Wyand took the opposite side, and the majority of the members of the association also upheld the plan of biennial gatherings. Nearly everybody present participated in the debate.

After the pros and cons of the yearly, as opposed to the biennial convention, had been discussed, the convention decided strongly in favor of the continuance of the biennial convention, and agreed on Baltimore as the place of meeting for the gathering in 1905.

ENDS WITH BANQUET.

The convention season was concluded with a banquet which was held in the Madison Street hall. Convention affairs were discussed during the evening, and toasts and informal addresses, plentifully sprinkled with well-told stories, were made by officers and members of the association. Mr. J. A. Branflick was toast-master.

Toasts were responded as follows:

Our Benefactors.....E. C. Wyand
Select Brotherhood.....George Brown
Our Guests.....Miss Julia Young
The Ladies.....William McElroy
The Press.....Rev. O. J. Whildin
Our Future.....Rev. D. E. Moylan
Our Association.....James Mooney
Baltimore Society of the Deaf.....W. Duvall

The Committee on the banquet was composed of Messrs. William McElroy, J. A. Branflick and Geo. Brown. The attendance at the banquet was large, about seventy-five persons being present.

SOME OF THOSE PRESENT.

The members of the association present included:

Mr. and Mrs. Buxton, Miss Hallie Scott, George Brown, Miss Annie Barry, Rev. D. E. Moylan, William McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Unsworth, Miss Beimschlag, Holton Steltz, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Leitner, Rev. O. J. Whildin, Fred Emerich, Fred Lugman, T. C. Ruckly, J. A. Branflick, of Baltimore; E. C. Wyand, of Keedysville; Joseph Rosensteel, of Richmond; Joseph H. Heeke, Richmond; A. B. Showman, Frederick; William Duvall, Muirkirk; J. Plovman, Emmerton; Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, of Havre de Grace; Harry Kemp, Frederick; Walter Merrick, Dorchester County; Mrs. Rosa Bradford, of Fulford; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gallion, of Perryman, Md.; George Lease, Frederick; Mrs. Fred Tschiffely, of

Rockville; Mrs. Mary Ritter, of Hampton, Va.; Miss Lavinia Argabright, of Newport News; Miss Jeannette Peebles, Lonaconing; Miss Mamie Steegler, Baltimore; Miss Johanna Thies, Baltimore.

ST. LOUIS.

Chris W. Trierman, a deaf-mute, reported to the police at the Central District Station that he was assaulted and robbed of \$185 by two well-dressed highwaymen at 4 o'clock Thursday morning.

When Trierman arrived at the Four Courts he made known by signs his wish for pencil and paper. With this he informed the police of the robbery.

He stated that he was walking west on Market Street. When near Twenty-third street, he says, he was struck from behind with what he thinks was a sand bag. He fell to the ground stunned, but not insensible. The two men, he says, then bent over him, one holding him while the other searched his pockets and secured the money, all of which was in bills inclosed in a wallet.

Trierman said he was a stranger in the city, and that he was staying at a rooming house at Tenth and Market Street.

He described the men who he says attacked him as follows: One of medium height, with brown mustache, wearing a dark suit and black fedora hat, and about 30 years old. The other tall, smooth faced, with black derby coat and light trousers, with black derby hat, and apparently about 25 years old.

The police told Trierman to return to the Four Courts in the afternoon.

The writer inserts the above in the hope that a JOURNAL reader and friend of the robbed will see it. Mr. T. is unknown here. He has our sympathy as there is very little doubt that he will never see his valuables again.

The monthly Public Opinion meeting for August came around on the 7th, and brought out the usual appreciative audience. Strikes, the death of the Pope, and national affairs at home and abroad were discussed and found an interested audience.

Miss A. Molloy, having secured a well-earned vacation from her employers, intends to revisit the scenes of her school days at Fulton, Mo., during this week.

Mr. J. Dolan, not finding St. Louis the promised land of his profession, contemplates shaking the city dust from his shoes, and beginning anew in some other place.

Mr. Palmer, of Tennessee, is back again after an absence of several years and, as he assured us, was very glad to see his old friends again.

Miss Roper, who has been absent for some time junketing around with her friends in Omaha and Council Bluffs, has again showed up. She reports having had a very pleasant time with her old and new friends.

WEDDING BELLS.

At the home of Theodore A. Little, Senior, Bayridge, at high noon, on Wednesday, the fifth, came off a very charming wedding, the Rev. Dr. Chamberlain officiating. The happy couple were Mr. Theodore A. Little, Junior, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Little, Senior, and Miss Bertha Swansen, of Mount Jewett, Penn.

The best man was Samuel J. Dyer. The bridesmaids were Miss Alda Swansen sister of the bride, and Misses Edith Marshall and Florence Little, cousins of the bridegroom. The bride was attired in white silk with a very richly embroidered lace over dress, the work of her own hands, beautiful enough to be handed down to many happy generations. The bridesmaids were also attired in pure white, and all had the customary bouquet.

Immediately after the ceremony, the wedding breakfast was served. At three o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Little, Junior, left for Asbury Park amidst showers of rice and old slippers, and all unconscious of the white rosettes on the back of their carriage. Later they will visit the bride's parents at Mt. Jewett. Among those present were Mrs. C. A. Little, Mrs. E. A. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. De Souchet, Mrs. Amos, the Misses Girardot, and Miss Julia Lunden.

DIED.

Mr. Robert Douglass Hoyt died July the sixteenth, at Las Vegas, New Mexico. Accompanied by his mother and the young lady to whom he was engaged, he had gone there early in June, with every hope and assurance of recovery. Within eight weeks from the time he left his post at Council Bluffs, his devoted mother was journeying eastward to bury her only son beside his father at North Craftsbury, Vermont.

CHICAGO.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Rah! Rah! Rah! The Pas-a-Pas Club is preparing to battle the terrible waves over the lake to South Haven to woo the fresh air. The appointed date is August 22d. Mr. Codman, the fearless and tireless leader and organizer of this famous club, is to undertake to act as guide for the party, and Mrs. J. K. Watson is chosen as chaperon for the ladies. The South Haven deaf-mutes are planning to give this club a welcome entertainment.

The regular business meeting of the Aid Society was held on the first Wednesday afternoon of August, Mrs. Colby presiding. Miss Deaconess Smith read the Scripture lesson and offered prayer. Mrs. G. T. Dougherty then signed the hymn beautifully and gracefully. Miss Vina Smith was appointed Secretary pro tem and read the minutes of the last meeting. On account of her residing in Michigan City, Ind., Mrs. Geo. C. Root sent a letter of resignation as Secretary of the Aid Society, and Miss Cora Jacoba was elected by acclamation to take her place. After the election, Mrs. Colby was excused as she had some business to attend to before returning to South Haven. So Mrs. J. K. Watson was asked to take the chair, and she presided the balance of the afternoon.

Mr. Roy Carpenter, '02, Gallaudet College, and Inspector of the Automatic Electric plant of Chicago, and Miss Freida Bauman, teacher of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf, surprised the South Haven deaf-mutes Sunday afternoon last, coming on the "City of South Haven," and returned to Chicago in the evening. They were invited to visit "Seven Gables" and "Lee Park," and received royal entertainment.

Mr. Colby was in Chicago to attend the business meeting of the Pas-a-Pas Club last Saturday, and also was at the tennis grounds, and reported having a good time. He returned to South Haven Sunday morning, with a batch of news for the JOURNAL.

Saturday evening, August 1st, Miss Vina Smith was agreeably and genuinely surprised by some of her friends, led by Miss Cora Jacoba, swooping down on her at the Deaconess' home while she was entertaining a couple of friends, the occasion being her birthday. After a social chat, ice-cream and cakes were served. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Molohon, Gibney, Weller, Thomas, Hunter and Martin, Mrs. Bowes, Misses Jacoba, Zollinger, Knight, Dunn, and Messrs. Baars, Heyman, Rutherford and Zollinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kingnon, the social movers of Chicago, having bought a small farm near East Plate, a small town about forty miles from Chicago, moved there about two weeks ago. They both will be greatly missed at the Club and Aid Society. May success and prosperity follow them.

Mr. Robert Bray stopped off in Chicago for a couple of days while on his way to Ohio from California. He has been travelling through the West for pleasure and business combined. He preferred other states to California, saying that the Golden State is crowded with invalids.

Mr. Wall, of Aurora, and Miss Laura Sheridan, were visitors at the M. E. Church some Sundays ago. Before the close of the services, Miss Sheridan was invited by the pastor to give the closing prayer, but before doing so she made a brief but pleasant speech concerning the church work.

The other day, Mr. Roy Carpenter interviewed the "hayseed" landlord, and asked him if the keeping of boarders is a good business. "Yes, siree; them summer boarders is easy marks. Why, I made cruff out of 'em this year pay for the last two gold bricks I bought of Mr. Bowes!" replied the hayseed, mirthfully.

Mr. Fred. Baars is again a grass widower. Upon invitation, his better half has left for New Jersey to visit her folks until sometime in the early part of September. Mr. Baars works at the University Printing Press, in Hyde Park, a suburb of Chicago.

Mr. Frank Gray, of Pittsburgh, was in Chicago on business and also at the M. E. Church, last Sunday. "Chicago" regretted that he did not have the pleasure of meeting him.

Mrs. Collins C. Colby went to Chicago on the "Kalamazoo," to attend the regular monthly business meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, of which she is president. She returned to South Haven the following morning.

Many friends of Miss Carolina M. Hudson, of Boston, are rejoiced to learn that she was happily married to Mr. Walter F. Morse. Accept our congratulations.

Our friend, Rev. J. H. Cloud, of St. Louis, was in the Windy City on business two weeks ago, and attended the Pas-a-Pas Club's picnic. Rev. Mr. Henry Rutherford, the young preacher of the M. E. Mission, is having his week's recreation.

Mrs. Gus Reinke underwent a successful operation at Woman's Hospital Home, of Chicago, two weeks ago. At the latest report she was doing fine.

Miss Vina Smith has gone to Indiana to visit her bosom friend, Mrs. Naomi Hyatt Dare, on her farm, to be absent about a month, on invitation of the latter.

Mrs. Florence Wood Smith and Miss Mary Peek, teachers in the Illinois School, accompanied Mesdames Sonnehorn and Left to Paw-Paw Lake, recently.

Mr. J. K. Watson has returned from a three weeks' vacation in Wisconsin, where he was one of the players at the golf tournament.

Miss Ruth Zollinger, her mother and sister, of Chicago, arrived in South Heaven Saturday morning last, to spend a week's vacation near the Beard farm.

It is regrettable to learn that Mr. George Bradley, of Pullman, is on the sick list.

Mr. Leonard Cokefair has walked out of Illinois, into Indiana, his future home.

ON THE JERSEY COAST.

Misses Lucy K. McAdams, of Wheeling, West Va., and Emma Bartlett, of Mannington, are registered at Hotel Pierpont, one of the finest hotels in Atlantic City, N. J. They are enjoying their sea baths immensely.

Mr. Fritz Miller, of Philadelphia, Pa., returned home last Sunday, after several days' stay in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Boland, of Romney, Mrs. John Rush, and Mr. Tros. J. McClurg, of New Haven, Pa., who are staying at Islesworth Hotel, in Atlantic City, N. J., took a pleasant street-car ride to Longport, N. J., and then had a nice yacht ride to Ocean City, N. J., last Sunday.

Mr. Edward L. Chapin, of W. Va., is visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Maurice Relihan, of Romney, W. Va., is back to his old home in Meadow Bluff, Greenbrier County, W. Va. He will return to Romney to resume his duties in the *Tablet* office next month.

Messrs. William, Halpin and Herbert Stoehr, of Wheeling, W. Va., are expected in Atlantic City, N. J., this Thursday.

Miss Elsie Crawford, of Mantua, N. J., with her parents, have been renting a cottage in Atlantic City, N. J., since several months ago.

John C. Bremer, the West Virginia correspondent of the JOURNAL, has been in Atlantic City, N. J., since last Friday. He expects to stop off at Philadelphia, Pa., this week for a few days' visit to his cousin.

Assistant For Mission Work.

MR. GEORGE F. FLICK APPOINTED

Mr. George Frederick Flick, a recent graduate of Gallaudet College for the Deaf, Kendall Green, Washington, D. C., has been appointed assistant to Rev. Oliver J. Whildin, whose succession to the Rev. Job Turner as general missionary to the deaf-mutes of the Southern States was announced not long ago in *The American*. Mr. Flick reached Baltimore on Tuesday evening, in time to attend the closing sessions of the Maryland Association of the Deaf.

Since his graduation from Gallaudet last June, Mr. Flick has been travelling throughout the West, visiting mission stations and observing the work done for deaf-mutes with a view to qualifying himself for his new field. Among the places visited were Cincinnati, Denver, Colorado Springs, Columbus and Louisville, which are growing missionary centers.

Mr. Flick will have charge during Rev. Mr. Whildin's absence, not only of the Deaf Mute Mission of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, this city, but also of Trinity Deaf-Mute Mission, Washington, D. C. As soon as the Rev. Dr. A. C. Powell returns from his vacation, the middle of September, arrangements will be effected looking toward Mr. Flick's preparations for ordination to the ministry. It is hoped that he may be enabled to enter Philadelphia Divinity School, which thus far has graduated four deaf-mutes—Rev. Henry Winter Syle, Rev. J. M. Koehler, Rev. O. J. Whildin and Rev. F. C. Smielau.

In case this may not be possible, owing to the necessity of closely looking after the work in Baltimore and Washington, Mr. Flick may enter Bishop Pare's theological class, which has gained an enviable reputation for training young men for the practical work of the ministry.

At the service for the deaf in Grace Chapel this afternoon, Mr. Flick will participate for the first time. A large number of visitors who attended the recent State convention will be present. Preceding the service in the chapel, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Feast will be baptized in the beautiful marble font in the church at 3:30 o'clock. These special occasions in the life of the mission, although not so very rare, attract a great deal of attention on the part of the deaf-mutes of the city. The Rev. F. Harriman Harding, one of assistants of Grace Church, has been asked to interpret for the benefit of the hearing friends and relatives present.—*Baltimore American*.

NEW YORK.

Two Picnics in a Week.

BOTH SUCCESSFUL.

A Big Budget of Brevities.

News items for this column should be sent direct to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, Station M, New York.

A few words of information in a letter or on a postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

There are two picnics to chronicle this week.

The first is that of the Xavier Deaf-Mutes' Club, which occurred on the spacious grounds of the Cove Hotel, West Brighton, Staten Island.

The indications of the early morning pointed to a day of gloom and drizzle, that was anything but encouraging either for the success of the games or a good attendance.

Nevertheless everything went off smoothly. Nearly three hundred were present, and the program of games was carried through without a hitch.

For all this there can be nothing but praise for the committee of arrangements, with Peter F. Redington at the head, aided by S. Donovan and G. Schmidt.

As the day wore on toward the sun's meridian, the skies cleared and the games began.

The officials in the field and track events, were Joseph Knopp, Starter; John D. Shea, Referee; J. M. Jackson, Timekeeper.

The hundred yards dash was won by J. Driscoll, with W. McLaughlin second, and F. Dwyer third.

In the 220-yards run, J. Driscoll was again the winner and W. McLaughlin again second.

The result of the one-mile run was: Henry Miller, first; James Reilly, second; and J. Watts, third.

Throwing the 16-pound weight was won by Henry Miller, W. Blaise being second, and J. Schmidt third.

The wheelbarrow race was run by time, there being but one wheelbarrow. W. Dooley did the hundred yards in less than twelve seconds, and got the prize.

The one-mile bicycle race was full of mishaps. Winfield Marshall and Kenney both got spilled at one of the turns. The winners were: Hamilton, first; Leslie Marshall, second. The winner's time was 3 minutes, 16 seconds.

A couple of bad spills in the five-mile bicycle race threw out Hamilton and Kenney, but Winfield Marshall won easily over James Reilly in sixteen minutes for the course.

A punctured tire caused the postponement of the ten-mile bicycle race till late in the afternoon.

In the large assembly hall of the hotel long rows of tables were spread for dinner, and every seat was instantly filled, there being over one hundred and fifty served. The menu was excellent, and comprised soup, fish, roast lamb, chicken, ice-cream and coffee.

After dinner the ball game proved quite an exciting event. It was between the West Farms and Xavier Clubs, both being unformed. McKenzie pitched for the West Farms and Dyer for the Xaviers. An accident to Heydon the day before put him out of the game, but John Shea was substituted at second base and played a fine game. He is a veteran at the business. The other players on the Xavier team were: Driscoll, left field; Mulcahy, third base; McCoy, first base; Walsh, right field; Malloy, centre field; Suenderhauf, short stop; and Hamilton, catcher.

It looked as though West Farms would win, but the Xaviers rallied in the fifth and sixth innings, and won by a score of 7 to 5. Following is the score by innings.

Empire Knopp was a picturesque figure in a white vest out on the bias, which gave his expansive front an immaculate appearance.

After the ball game the ten-mile bicycle race was run. Kenney, in a practice spin, wrecked the front wheel of his bicycle. Winfield Marshall was doing finely in the race, when the handle-bar of his wheel broke, so he had to stop. Hamilton and Leslie Marshall kept going at a lively clip, and it was anybody's race up to the last lap, when Leslie Marshall sprinted ahead, and won by a small margin. The time for the distance was 30 minutes.

During all the afternoon the bowling alleys were kept busy, both ladies and gentlemen striving for prizes, with Redington keeping tab on the pins and entries. The winners are not known by the writer at this time.

In the evening dancing was indulged in, and for hours the waxed floor was filled with happy couples in the mazy waltz.

The Xavier Club has this time given its patrons a most enjoyable outing, unmarred by any disorder or unpleasant features, and it will be remembered when the next annual comes round.

The most sanguine of the League of Elect Surds hardly expected that their picnic last Monday would be the unqualified success that it certainly was.

Mr. Anthony Capelli has covered himself with imperishable glory, and won the distinction of being one of the greatest hustlers in the line of picnic managers. He worked quietly, energetically and modestly, with the result that the croakers who said a Monday evening picnic would pull the dollars from the treasury, rather than the quarters from the public, have taken to the woods for meditation and grief.

In the first place, a neat little "souvenir" of eight pages placed the financial success beyond doubt. Good advertising, and the co-operation of the fraters made the surplus showing.

There were no games for prizes, but besides the pleasant social conversation between long-parted friends, the swings and the shooting gallery, there was the following program of dances, which kept the well-waxed pavilion floor full of whirling couples, and taxed the constant energy of the corps of musical artists, under the leadership of Prof. Reiff, who had been engaged for the occasion.

ORDER OF DANCING.

PART I.

1. Grand March.....Reiff
2. Lanciers.....Wathall
3. Waltz.....Mills
4. Two Step.....MacEachron
5. Schottisch.....Richmond
6. Waltz.....Edwards
7. Two Step.....Geary
8. Lanciers.....Tobani
9. Varsovianna.....Ward
10. Waltz.....Harris

Intermission.

PART II.

1. Waltz.....Feist
2. Two Step.....Moret
3. Schottisch.....Reiff
4. Lanciers.....Tietjens
5. Waltz.....Geary
6. Two Step.....Lampe
7. Waltz.....Ringleben
8. Lanciers.....Weingarten
9. Two Step.....Schwartz
10. Waltz.....Reiff

Home, Sweet Home.

Mr. Charles J. LeClereq was the efficient floor manager, and wore a badge that gave the non-officials pangs of envy. However, his work fully justified the extra ribbon and tinsel.

Mr. Thomas F. Fox, as usual, looked after the department of finance at the entrance, and those who came unprovided with the necessary pasteboard for admission, had to contribute to his well-filled money box.

There were present nearly three hundred persons, many of them hearing people, while the various organizations of Greater New York were well represented. Unlike most public affairs in the picnic line, the ladies predominated in the number in attendance.

It was long past midnight when the last of the tired, but happy pleasure seekers left for home.

Good order prevailed throughout, and next year will see another picnic by the same organization at the Cosmopolitan Park and Casino, but instead of Monday, it is contemplated holding the affair on the second Saturday of July.

The Reception Committee was headed by Mr. E. Souweine, aided by

M. Heyman	Leo Lowenstein
A. Lincoln Thomas	William G. Jones
Arthur C. Bachrach	William Lippens
Adolph Eckardt	Simon Kahn
Henry Kohlman	S. A. Gomprecht
Isaac Gollard, Jr.	Samuel Cox
Francis W. Nubser	

The floor committee was composed of the following members:

T. I. Lounsbury

F. W. Meinken	M. Korngold
Fred. Hoffman	A. Galland
Fredrick Knox	Wm. L. Hanson
Henry Kohlman	Charles Sanford
Max Miller	Louis Cohen
Chas. I. Schindler	Wm. C. Flanagan

The arrangement committee was composed of

Anthony Capelli
Thomas Francis Fox Alex. L. Pach

Following is the list of officers of the League of Elect Surds:

Edwin A. Hodgson, Grand Ruler.
Isaac N. Sopher, Deputy Grand Ruler.
Thomas F. Fox, Grand Treasurer.
Anthony Capelli, Grand Secretary.
Moses Heyman, Grand Tiler.

Councillors—E. Souweine, Theodore I. Lounsbury, Charles J. LeClereq.

A good many East New Yorkers took a tramp to Old Mill, Sunday. There are a good many boat houses there, one being run by a mute couple named Reidel. The mutes say Old Mill will soon rival Coney Island.

Mrs. Robert Stevenson returned home last week from Philadelphia, where she spent a few weeks with her sister. Most of her Quaker City friends were away from home when she called to pay them a visit, some being in the country, and others were attending the Johnstown convention. She called on Mr. and Mrs. Reider, and found Jim head and heels in business. She also found Mr. and Mrs. Breen at home, and passed a pleasant evening with them. Mr. Breen is thinking of moving to Manila, Philippine Islands, so as to start a shoe shop with a friend, who starts for that place very soon.

Mr. Alex. Dezendorf was given his two weeks' vacation Saturday last, with full pay. He took his family to all the beaches he could think of, and is ready to tackle potatoes and vegetables at Fulton Market again Monday with renewed vigor, after a good rest. He has been employed by the same concern upwards of twenty years, and his employers could not dispense with his services. A very good example for others to follow.

Mr. Frank A. Widaman, a bright and intelligent Pennsylvania, and a first-class compositor employed on a daily in Greenboro, Pa., wrote to his friends in Brooklyn that he intended paying New York a visit in the near future. When he strikes the Empire City we hope he will not fall into the hands of bunco steers and lose his carpet bag, nor do we wish him to strain his neck gazing up at our tall skyscrapers. His friends will be glad to see him though, and to take him around sightseeing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Donovan have gone to East Moriches, L. I., to spend a couple of weeks with the former's parents, who have bought a summer residence there. Their little son, George, seems to have improved greatly in weight and health since staying in the country. Mrs. Donovan has been in very poor health for several months past, but is gaining strength fast.

Sidney J. Vail, of Indianapolis, was in the city this week, but left so soon that many of his friends did not have the pleasure of meeting him. His daughter accompanied him. Mr. Vail is a graduate of the New York Institution, and taught in the Indianapolis school for nearly forty years.

Mr. Alex. Dezendorf has had his house painted and inside decorated very fine, making it one of the neatest appearing houses on the row. Mrs. Dezendorf has had her front yard converted into a fine level piece of ground, and can be seen any fine evening practicing ping-pong with her friends.

Mrs. Robert N. Stevenson's sister, known to many mutes in the Quaker City, has been compelled on account of ill health, to break up housekeeping, and has gone to Baltimore for a few weeks' rest. She may make her home with Mrs. Stevenson during the winter.

On Sunday last, Messrs. Murray Campbell, Peter T. Hughes and Harry Forbes, accompanied by Miss Bertha Block and Miss Slava A. Snyder, of Cleveland, O., spent a pleasant day at the home of Miss Deborah H. Marshall, in Port Chester, Ct.

Mrs. R. Stevenson's son, Harry, took her through Luna Park, Coney Island, a few days ago, and enjoyed the treat immensely. She has invited Mrs. Dezendorf and children to take in the sights at Luna Park next week.

Mr. George Walsh and Miss Ada Hutton were quietly married in Brooklyn. They will go to house-keeping in East New York. They seemed very happy, and may they have much success in their journey is the wish of their many friends.

In the sweepstakes pool-tournament at the Brooklyn Deaf-Mutes' Club last Saturday, Mr. W. B. Taylor defeated Mr. T. O'Grady by 100 balls to 53. The summaries: Taylor.....7, 10, 10, 12, 9, 7, 7, 13, 13, 3—100
O'Grady.....5, 5, 5, 3, 6, 8, 8, 2, 3, 0—53

A dozen mutes, led by the genial and smiling H. Hanneman, were seen boarding the cars at Brownsville, Sunday afternoon, bound for Canarsie. They were loaded with baskets, etc., intending to stay at the beach over night.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Porter, of Trenton, N. J., with their little daughter, are spending a week in this city, visiting the attractions at Coney Island, and the roof garden theatres in the metropolis.

Dey Sullivan, crayon artist, who was educated at the New York Institution, and resided in this city for many years, is now working at his vocation in Memphis, Tenn.

Misses Burke, Murphy and Schmal, of New Haven, Ct., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Miller for a couple of days last week.

The Evening World Tuesday contained an account of the League of Elect Surd's picnic.

Frank Houck, an erswile New Yorker, is now in Chicago.

OHIO.

A Reception and a Picnic.

A CASE OF TETANUS.

The Day School's Troubles.

[News items for this column may be sent to our Ohio News Bureau, care of Mr. A. B. Greener, 908 Franklin Ave., Columbus, O.]

Mr. and Mrs. George Black tendered a reception in honor of Mrs. Thomas Crowley, who has been their guest for some time, Saturday evening last. Two dozen invitations were sent out. It was a quiet affair, and the company passed the evening in social talk. Later ice cream and cakes were served to all. Among those who called were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Greener, Mrs. Eliza Bard, Miss Emma Bard, Mrs. John Hines, Mrs. Harry Bard, Miss Edith Biggam, and the Messrs. Fred Schwartz, and Phos. McGinness.

Some of the Springfield deaf had a picnic at Temesch Park last Sunday, and were joined by a number of others from out of town. It was a quiet affair, being had more for the purpose of enjoying the day out in the woods away from the scorching city, and to meet together for a social talk. Lunch was brought along by the Springfield deaf, and was enough to satisfy the wants of the inner man of those who came from a distance. It was voted a pleasant occasion by those in attendance. The following were present: Harry O'Donnell, John Hahn, Isaac Goldberg, of Cincinnati; Henry Rinzor, Artie Miller, of Dayton; Ezra Hedges, of Ashville; Mrs. Jessie Melner, of Bellefontaine; Albert Bannan, of Columbus; and from Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Pitzer, Rufus Jeffries, Milton Beam, Frank Stokes, Alexander Dunn, and Misses Fannie Seagrave and E. Newman.

Joseph Fox, a colored deaf-mute from Oberlin, Ohio, has been in the penitentiary for nearly a year and a half, and his time is up August 21st. He was sent there for shooting with intent to kill. He was a pupil here in the eighties, and has a brother and sister who were also pupils here. About two weeks ago he received a slight cut on one of his forefingers. Later tetanus (lockjaw) set in. There were slight hopes for his recovery. However, the prison physician has a serum for the disease, which he thinks will cure the man. The Dispatch of Tuesday has the following account of the case:

"Dr. Thomas expresses the opinion that Joseph Fox, the Lorain county man who is suffering with lockjaw in the penitentiary, will recover. Fox was taken to the hospital for treatment before his jaws were fully set, yet he had all of the symptoms of tetanus. Fox is far from being a well man yet, but he is better than for a time. Even now the muscles in his arms and legs are in knots, and when he is raised from the bed is as rigid as a board. The tetanus antitoxin serum given him costs the state \$3 per dose and he has been given five doses up to this time. It comes in bottles of one dose each. Hereafter he will be treated with broken doses, as the directions state.

Since Fox's imprisonment he has had all kinds of trouble, but as soon as his infirmities have been found out he escaped punishment. He has been reported by guards for refusing to talk on several occasions, and on other occasions been reported for talking in line. When it is known that Fox is a mute the absurdity of the reports will be understood. He is about 35 years of age and has been one of the best prisoners behind the bars."

The Cleveland Deaf Day School seems to have a rocky road to travel, and is now nearly \$120,000 in debt, and no way seems possible to have the State liquidate the debt. The legislature in 1898 passed a law applying to the Cleveland school, allowing \$150 per pupil per annum. One payment was made and when the next bill was presented, the State auditor refused to honor it, the Attorney-General having decided that the law granting the appropriation to the Cleveland and Cincinnati schools was special legislation, and therefore unconstitutional. The law was amended at the last session of the legislature, but still the State Auditor refuses to honor requisitions. The School Council of Cleveland talked of bringing suit against the State to reimburse it for the money thus far taken out of the State School fund to carry on the school, but the City Solicitor has advised against the plan, as it might bring into question the constitutionality of the laws on which the school system of Cleveland stands.

House-cleaning at the Institution is about completed. All the iron bedsteads have been repainted, while the walls of some of the sleeping rooms on the girls' side have been repainted. There was also some painting done in the new school building. Messrs. Maier

and Reynolds are still retained at painting jobs about the building. Messrs. Bannan and Robinson, who assisted the cleaning brigade, have been relieved. The latter is now employed in a glove factory in the city, while the former is waiting for something to turn up, meanwhile doing odd jobs.

Miss Edith Fitzgerald, who has been the guest of Miss Ethel Zell for the past ten days, left for her home, Quincy, Ills., yesterday, the 7th. During her stay in Columbus she was entertained at a number of places, by the Co-ed Gallaudet Alumni, of this city, the last being at the home of the Misses May and Gussie Greener, Miss May having been a Normal student, Miss Gussie, Normal Fellow of the class of '02. The others present were Miss Bertha Patterson, Normal, '02; Misses Zell and McGregor, class of '02; the writer, of '77, being a looker-on in Venice. Miss Fitzgerald was highly pleased with her visit in Columbus, and hopes a re-occurrence may be possible soon again.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson left Cedar Point, Wednesday, for Cleveland. From there Mr. Patterson went to Church Hill, to visit his aged mother for a while.

Mr. William H. Zorn is back at his home, North Baltimore, Ohio, from a two weeks' visit with friends in Northern Ohio.

The wood work of the main building at the Home has been repainted and that of the windmill has been given a coating. For the past week, or two carpenters have been at work on the cottage used by the men. The old sleepers have been replaced and the building raised some, the floors leveled, the roof reshingled and the worn out weather boards given place to new ones.

The new portico gives general satisfaction and especially the furniture, which consists of several large rockers, two or three settees, small rockers, chairs and stands. Over fifty dollars were expended for the furniture alone.

Mrs. Lena Yans, while in the Union Station, Friday evening, waiting for her train laid her pocket book containing two dollars and her ticket to Coshocton on a shelf, and left them for a few moments. When she returned, it was gone. She was cared for during the night, and next morning was given transportation to her destination.

Miss Bessie Edgar has returned from a visit to Taylorstown and Pittsburg. She reports a most pleasant and enjoyable time at both places, and is loud in her expressions of the kind treatment she received from friends. At Pittsburg, she called upon Mrs. Lulu Dean, nee Stelzig, who was a teacher here for many years. The latter is in love with the Smoky City.

Mrs. J. D. H. Stewart was visiting friends in town this week. She reports Mr. Alfred H. Wood, teacher in the Alabama School, a guest at "The Maples."

Mrs. R. P. McGregor reached home Saturday from a six weeks' visit to her former home, in Maryland. A. B. G.

August 8, 1903.

Taked After Inhaling Poison

DEAF-MUTE HAS EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE IN BROOKLYN—HIS RECOVERY DOUBTED.

For a long time doctors in the Eastern District Hospital in Williamsburg, yesterday, were puzzled about the diagnosis in the case of James W. Dittmar, age thirty-four, of North Tenth and Roebling Streets. With the upper part of his body entirely discolored he lay in a state of coma in that institution. Dittmar, who had been deaf and dumb since his birth, was found insensible in his room by his father on Monday afternoon.

The discoloration from his chest to his head was black, blue, and green, while the lower part of the body had its natural appearance. Dittmar was removed in an ambulance to the hospital where all the doctors in the institution vainly tried to diagnose the case. It was thought by some of the doctors that perhaps Dittmar had inhaled illuminating gas, but members of his family under whose eyes Dittmar was continually declared that such was not the case.

Dittmar was still alive last night, and it was not possible for the doctors to say whether or not he would recover. He managed to talk a little, and said he had inhaled fumes of cyanide of potash, a deadly poison, while cleaning a bed.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

MADISON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
N. E. Corner Seventy-third Street.

Sermon to the deaf by the pastor, Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston, D.D., every Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all.

Bible Class, at eight o'clock, taught by Mrs. Wm. H. Rose.

The above services discontinued until September.

Reading Room and Gymnasium open to the members and their friends every Friday, from 8 to 10 P.M. through the summer.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., August 9th.—The Sunbury Picnic is a thing of the past. The picnic occurred on Saturday, the first instant, at Island Park, not far from Sunbury. A pretty large crowd of silent people participated therein. Various amusements were indulged in, and quite a substantial repast discussed. Rev. F. C. Smielau, himself one of the participants of the picnic, took the picnicers' picture with his kodak. Ere Old Sol sank behind the hills yonder, the crowd dispersed to their homes, with a lingering, longing look behind, for they indeed never enjoyed a better picnic before.

Prior to the close of such merry picnicking, there came some voting, which resulted in the election by acclamation of Mr. John Detweiler, of Danville, Pa., as chairman for the next picnic, which will take place in the summer of 1904. The new Chairman expressed himself as determined to work to the utmost in his new undertaking to promote the next picnic to such a degree that all those to be present thereat, will pronounce the whole affair to be an unsurpassing one. Games are expected to be had, where prizes will be distributed to the winners.

Williamsport was well represented at the picnic, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lupold, Misses Margaret Tracey, Mary McDermott, Mrs. Clapp, and Messrs. Charles Allen, and August Hinz, constituting the Williamsport party. Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Mr. Wilcox, of Wellesboro; Mr. and Mrs. August Fahnestock and Mr. Prussel Fahnestock, of Muncy; and Mrs. Wirth and Miss Annie Abbot, of Wilkes Barre, and a few others, comprised the remainder of the crowd, including Rev. F. C. Smielau.

Since the picnic above mentioned, until the following Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longenberger were kept pretty busy entertaining at their home in Montandon, their numerous guests in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Miss Carrie Brown, of Elmira, N. Y.; Messrs. Lambert, Teufel, and William Hammel, of Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Houpi, of Harrisburg, and all the Williamsporters above named, except Mrs. Clapp.

At the Sunbury picnic, Mr. William Riegle, one of the popular mutes of this town, was found to be missing. When he scribe got home from the picnic, he called on Mr. Riegle, and asked as to the reason of his absence. Mr. Riegle replied that he lost one of his shoes, which he strongly affirmed was eaten up by a goat, belonging to the party (Mr. George Ponnesmith) at whose house he boards.

The Gaskill-Mundy-Levitt Carnival was well under way in this city for the whole week of Monday, the 27th ultimo. There was quite a variety of exhibitions worth seeing, and among the visitors there were noticed Miss Mary McDermott, and Messrs. William Riegle, Charles Allen and August Hinz, all of whom claimed that if one went to the carnival once, he would go again, which can give us a fair idea as to the manner of their enjoyment.

Mrs. LeRoy Moore, of Wellesboro, with her two children, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lupold for a short time, after which she repaired to Muncy to visit her relatives. On Sunday following, Messrs. Charles Allen and August Hinz rejoined her for the day, returning quite late in the night.

George Conrad Eigenbrodt, who was dropped by a stork into the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Eigenbrodt recently, was baptized at the Annunciation Catholic Church, by Rev. Father Costello, on June 25th.

Mrs. Jacob Lupold was under the weather for a couple of days, the cause being summer cramps, but she, however, got well enough to attend the picnic at Sunbury.

The tidings as given in the JOURNAL with reference to Rev. O. J. Whildin's recent appointment to the vacancy as the General Missionary to the South, caused by the death of Rev. Job Turner, came as a pleasant surprise to all those who know the pious young man. He has our heartiest congratulations.

I beg to remark a little concerning an item jotted down by "Professor," of Wilkesbarre, in his letter to the JOURNAL recently, with regard to Mr. Charles Snyder, in which it was said he ought to have known better and gone to Tamaqua first! I have the whole story from a reliable source and it was thus: Mr. Snyder had an appointment from the manager of a printing office at Tamaqua to begin work on a certain Monday at a certain hour. He left Philadelphia Saturday, and visited his home at Wilkesbarre all Sunday. In the evening he departed for Tamaqua, which he reached the same night, and stopped at a hotel. The following morning was the very Monday when Mr. Snyder promised to appear at the office where a position as linotype operator awaited him. He certainly reported there at the very hour and the very day as agreed, but the manager gave him to understand that the place had been previously filled. Not, mind you, "Professor," because Mr. Snyder, was behind time. There is no room for doubt that the manager so much

preferred a hearing operator to a mute one, whose affliction he imagined would prove a great hindrance to the business, which supposition is, of course, more than absurd. Mr. Snyder was paid in full to cover up the expenses he had suffered in going over to Tamaqua, which proves that the manager was responsible for not engaging Mr. Snyder as his operator. Therefore, "Professor," if you had struck out that clause above quoted, that is, "Mr. Snyder ought to know better to go to Tamaqua first," your item with reference to the story in question, would almost be right.

JAKE.

A Silent Service.

A church service without a song, without a sound of any kind, a service of perfect stillness, was celebrated yesterday afternoon in the chapel of Grace Church, corner of Prospect and Bolivar Streets.

Rev. Austin W. Mann was the officiating clergyman, and his congregation was composed entirely of deaf-mutes. About thirty people attended. All of them were stone deaf, and only one or two had the power of speech. Before the service began, the congregation stood outside, conversing in a lively fashion by means of the deaf and dumb sign language. When the hour for the services to begin arrived, the deaf-mutes filed into the little chapel, which has been set apart especially for their use by the people of Grace Church. Rev. Mr. Mann, robed in the surplice of an Episcopal clergyman, ascended the pulpit, and the services began.

There was not another audience in the whole city, it may be safely said, which gave such undivided attention to the speaker as did these thirty deaf-mutes, who sat silent and motionless, watching with intense faces the quickly moving fingers, and the expressive countenance of the clergyman. The usual ritual of the Episcopal Church was gone through with. Singing, of course, was dispensed with. The silent congregation rose, knelt in prayer, and gave responses with perfect regularity.

The text from which Rev. Mr. Mann preached was, "Mary Sat at Jesus' Feet, and Heard the Word," Luke x: 39.

Rev. Mr. Mann, who is general missionary to deaf-mutes in the Central Western States, is one of the most remarkable men in the country. Although deprived of the power of hearing and speech, he has acquired an unusually good education. He has travelled extensively, and has done much for the hundreds of people, who, like himself, can neither speak nor hear. He began missionary work among the deaf-mutes in Michigan, in the year 1872. He was then a teacher in the State Institution. He has established missions in all the large cities, and visits them regularly every five or six weeks. Mr. Mann can write backward, and upside down. He has learned this art, in order to facilitate conversations with people who do not understand his sign language.

A leader reporter interviewed Rev. Mr. Mann yesterday, shortly before the service began. The clergyman was asked questions in writing, and replied through the same medium. He wrote upside down, that is, upside down from his standpoint. The reporter, who was seated opposite, could read every word without turning the paper around, as would have been necessary, had Mr. Mann written in the ordinary way.

"I now work all over the Middle West," said, or rather wrote, Rev. Mr. Mann. "The people whom I shall address to-day are all deaf, but not all dumb. The reason for this is that some of them could hear long enough to learn speech, which remained with them after they were afflicted with deafness. This service which I am about to lead is called the evening service, and will be delivered entirely in the deaf-mute language. That is the only really universal language. It is understood in all tongues. I made two trips to Europe, one in 1894, another in 1897. The last time I visited ten countries. I traveled alone, and had no difficulty in making myself understood."

Early this week Rev. Mr. Mann leaves for Johnstown, Pa., where he will act as chaplain of the State deaf-mute convention. He will also attend the New York State convention at Rochester, on August 15 and 16. During his thirty-one years of missionary service, Rev. Mr. Mann has attended eighty-one conventions and reunions of this character in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain.—Cleveland Leader, Aug. 8.

Services for Deaf-Mutes.

AUGUST.

16—10:30 A.M., St. Andrew's, Boston.
3:30 P.M., St. Stephen's, Lynn.
23—10:30 A.M., St. Andrew's, Boston.
10:45 A.M., St. John's, Lowell.
3:00 P.M., Grace, Lawrence.
6:00 P.M., Trinity, Haverhill.
30—7:30 P.M., St. Peter's, Beverly.

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A day's worry is more exhausting than a week of work.

A BUDGET OF SCRAPS
AND A SCRAP OF PHILOSOPHY

When one number of THE JOURNAL fails to arrive, it seems to "Smith" that news from the deaf contingent has stopped short; something is missing from the machinery of the week, and always it seems a moral certainty that the particular number which goes astray, or fails to be mailed, is of all numbers the most desirable and important. We're always sure there was something especially good in that missing JOURNAL—and feel abused, defrauded.

That is human nature the world over; the unattained, or unattainable, is ever what we most desire to possess, and we fret our souls and bring on wrinkles and grey hairs, vainly pining for what we have missed, instead of revelling in grateful enjoyment of all the blessings that we have. It reminds us of a seat at the theatre, behind one of those provoking pillars that we see nothing but that pillar, and while the play goes grandly on, we fume and fret and will not look beyond the pillar; the whole evening is spoiled—all the fault of that villainous pillar, that would not move out of our way! A good many of us, no doubt, are sitting behind pillars this very evening—July 29, 1903, A. D.

And lo! our old friend, "Pat," is soon to be led to the altar—by whom? If the last issue of the JOURNAL contained the information, it was lost to us, as that issue, also that of June 25th, "turned up missing." (Hope some friendly, generous subscriber takes the hint and supplies the deficiency!) "Pat," darling, accept our very, very best wishes for a long life and a happy one. May love's young dream prove to be not all a dream; may the ideal materialize into the real, and wherever the vine and fig-tree be, may it be the abiding place of perfect trust, happiness, and that sweetest experience of life, true love. Bring your chosen life-partner and make us a good visit. You will find the latch-string hanging out most invitingly, and find that we have plenty of room for our friends in this humble but home-like abode of ours. Come! You know the way.

Mr. Wilkinson's article on "The Modern Method of Educating the Deaf," in the JOURNAL, of July 16th, is most interesting, and a very intelligent presentation of a subject that is often discussed in a manner that simply makes a well-informed person—to use a slang phrase—*inexpressibly tired*. Mr. Wilkinson knows; he is not guessing nor trying to air supposed knowledge, and he upholds signs.

"Smith" is one of the large number left deaf by an attack of cerebro-spinal meningitis, and the changed voice and deterioration in speech occurred just as Mr. Wilkinson describes, though in lesser degree, because we were older. Timidity—the fear of getting into that unpleasant habit so common to semi-deaf persons, of speaking in unnecessarily loud tones, influenced us to repress a naturally good voice, and to be silent when we should have practiced speech all the more instead of less, before deafness overtook us, until our relatives thought we were forgetting how to speak;—we had been a great chatterbox. We were not forgetting, but we were losing control of both voice and tongue, and to this day pronounce certain words indistinctly, although we know exactly how they should sound. Odd to state, but is one of the words, so we call it *oleomargarine*. We have often wondered what would be our present mental status and what our linguistic ability, had we been born deaf or lost our hearing in infancy. We fear that our teachers would have found us very hard to instruct, very,—*dumb* in two ways.

Another article that we read with much interest was that from the *Georgia School Helper*, (our greeting to good Supt. O'Connor, who held him in warm regard, on "The Sense of Equilibrium in Deaf-Mutes." While conveying from the cerebro-spinal meningitis, we frequently fell full length to the floor while attempting to cross a room, and had no sensation of falling until the back of our head struck the floor and made us "see stars." How foolish we always felt when some member of the family hastened to us and lifted us to our feet! For years afterward, an attempt to walk alone in the dark was a perfect nightmare; our feet crossed and recrossed each other and tripped each other; our head suddenly became too weighty on one side—the left, generally—and we have fallen across the fence at the side of the pavement, though the street lamps were lighted. Like Mr. Ballis, we have often been annoyed by what seemed to us a supernatural, diabolical power forcing us toward one passing on the left, and many a time our cheeks have burned as we wondered what some stranger thought at our sudden lurch to the left just as we passed each other. With reverence we say: *Thank Heaven*, we have succeeded in overcoming

to a great degree, those embarrassing failings, so that we no longer dread walking out after dusk, although a friendly arm to lean upon is still a comfort, and we still serve a little unless we walk rapidly. We know one dear old gentleman—a teacher, now retired—who cannot stand with his eyes closed, without leaning against, or at least touching, some object, such as a table, wall or chair. In conducting chapel services he always steadied himself against the bible-stand when he closed his eyes to offer prayer, and said repeatedly that but for the aid of the bible-stand, he would certainly measure his length on the platform! Our own experience leads us to believe that long walks, in a quick, light step, is the best means of overcoming that zig-zag, often shuffling, dragging walk which seems to be one of the common results of a loss of hearing. We wonder if our proneness to "lose our bearings," is also a result of our deafness; for literally, in a strange place, we know not north, no south, no east, no west, and without a guide lose ourselves completely. Already we are wondering how we shall get about when we go to the St. Louis Exposition. We surely shall need a pilot.

And we rejoice to see by the JOURNAL, that steps looking to the arrangements for the gathering and entertainment of the clans during the aforesaid exposition are already being taken. Good! May we see a repetition of the fine times had during the World's Fair in Chicago.

The deaf of New York are to be congratulated upon having such a handsome edifice for their aged and infirm. The out in THE JOURNAL of June 18th, shows it to be a roomy and beautiful building, of admirable proportions—something to be proud of.

At last—in a June number—another letter from "The Other Smith!" and a most interesting letter it was, too. Warmly we return the greeting extended us. Some of these days we propose journeying to New York, and our visit will certainly not be a complete success unless we meet "The Other Smith" and his better half. We're anxious to see if there is any family resemblance between us. And by the way, how in the world did that blessed man know that our best bib and tucker was a dainty dimity trimmed in lace? He must have peeped into a certain box on a certain shelf in a certain room right here in our house. Own up now, Mr. "Other Smith," when did you come prowling hereabout? Oh, that we had but caught you at it!

Out West there is a little matron whose dainty bit of a nose is doubtless elevated indignantly as she reads this and remembers that a postal card, an appeal for aid in a charitable enterprise, and a copy of a school paper, which she helped to "get up," all failed to bring any response. But let the dainty nose come down, the smile return to the lips and the dimples to the pink cheeks, for "Smith" received them all at times when more matters were demanding attention than could be attended to; at one time away from home, at another just preparing to leave, and always busy. When we meet we'll make amends. We only regret that the little "reminders" have ceased coming as the result of our long silence.

But "Smith's" friends would be very lenient concerning unanswered letters and all that, could they know the repeated disappointments and consequent losses and inconveniences that have filled our days with vexations, unwelcome tasks and self-deniials as the result of some one's miscalculations or carelessness in the management of a business venture in which we are interested.

Is anything so soul-harrowing—particularly to one built principally of nerves—as prolonged, helpless waiting? We'll not neglect our friends forever. "Wait till the clouds roll by!"

In our last letter we mentioned our flower-bard and the desire of a neighbor to possess a lot belonging to us, which adjoins her own. The letter had hardly reached New York—certainly was not yet printed—before a regular comedy of errors had begun over boundary lines as the result of our determination to have fences fore and aft, and on each side as a protection to lawn, flowers, fruit and garden, from deprecatory chickens, dogs, children, and even occasionally horses, cows and pigs.

By one man's measurement, our south side line was carried under the house of the neighbor who desired our south lot, and our prized border of peonies, iris, lilacs and roses, the pride of our heart, was thrown into the yard of the neighbor on the north, whose chickens and children had long manifested a great fancy for it.

Did "Smith" sit down and rave, tear hair, or what? "Smith" sat down to work as usual, and saw the beautiful flowers devastated by

vandal hands without a word of protest; but meanwhile the County Surveyor was communicated with, and one morning he came, surveyed the locality, restored the lines, and departed, leaving "Smith" happy. Since then a substantial fence has fixed the lines beyond dispute, no live stock tramples down flowers and shrubs, and all is serene at "Smith's." If all property owners would simply call the county surveyor instead of trying to settle boundary lines for himself, we would see less in the papers about wars over line-fences. It does not pay to quarrel. Life is too short, and the county surveyor's fee is the cheapest and surest way out of threatened trouble over boundaries, as it is a penitentiary offense to remove a mark set by that official. The economy that saves a few dollars is not always true economy. *Money in itself* is of no value. Its value lies in its ability to obtain for us something that we need or desire.

To all lovers of good reading, we would advise the personal of a most unique and interesting work which a friend lent to us the past spring—"Intra Muros," by Mrs. Rebecca R. Springer. It is one of the Sabbath Library series, published by the David C. Cook Publishing Company, of Chicago, (36 Washington Street), and will be sent to any address, postpaid, for five cents. No one can plead poverty as an excuse for not sending for it. It is something that, once read, one can not forget, and "It doeth good like a medicine." Get it, and read it.

Do many of the JOURNAL readers know that if the top of a pineapple is planted in a pot or can of soil mixed with sand and watered like a flowering plant, it will grow? A neighbor caused us to open our eyes wide when she told us so, and we tried the experiment, with the result that we now have a pineapple top growing nicely, making a curious and handsome plant. Twist the top out of the pineapple, instead of cutting it off, and simply cover the lower part with the sandy soil in the pot. Leave the spines above the soil, and set it where it will get plenty of sunshine, as you know it is tropical. "Raise your own pineapples." SMITH.

IOWA SCHOOL FOR DEAF.
SUPT. ROTHERT ASKS FOR SEVEN NEW BUILDINGS.

Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

Superintendent Henry W. Rothert, of the Iowa School for the Deaf, has just sent his biennial report to the State board of control for presentation to the legislature this winter. The report is a voluminous affair, covering every point of interest concerning the school for the past two years, dealing particularly with the fire which destroyed the main building of the institution in May, 1902, and making recommendations for the board of control to present to the State legislature. Probably the most important matter dealt with in the report of Superintendent Rothert is that outlining the needs of the school in the way of new buildings to replace the ones destroyed by fire and to accommodate the rapid growth of the school. The buildings which Superintendent Rothert asks for are as follows:

Administration building.
Boys' dormitory.
Girls' dormitory.
Small pupils' cottages.
Hospital.
Dining rooms and kitchen.
Chapel and library building.
No estimate as to the cost of these improvements is given in the report. This is left to the judgment of the board of control. Superintendent Rothert suggests that the buildings be two-story, fire proof, and detached to avoid the dangers of fire.

RECOMMENDS REPAIR FUND.
Superintendent Rothert in his report, recommends to the board of control the creation of a repair fund for the institution to cover the ever recurring wants caused by accidents, deterioration and general wear and tear. In connection with this the report says:

"The buildings remaining need attention, and machinery, apparatus, furniture, etc., must at times be repaired or replaced. The amount adequate to meet these contingencies for the biennial period is estimated at \$3,000."

Superintendent Rothert calls attention to the destruction of the 3,500 volume library and asks for the appropriation of \$1,500 for the restoration so far as possible of the library. Superintendent Rothert particularly urges the need of this appropriation, as he considers a library the first and most important helpmate to a school for the deaf. He says that "books are the invaluable companions of the silent child."

In his report Superintendent Rothert urges that the State take measures to recompense the teachers at the school who lost many valuable articles at the time of the fire because they were giving their time and effort to the saving of the children. He states that he has received from each of the teachers a sworn

statement of their loss and has it ready for representation.

EXCELLENT HEALTH OF SCHOOL.

The report calls attention to the excellent health that has been maintained among the pupils of the school. As an evidence of this he points to the fact that there has not been a single death from sickness in the institution for the past eight years. In addition to this fact it is recorded that among the 263 pupils at the school not one serious illness has been reported during the past year.

In his report Superintendent Rothert puts forth a strong argument in favor of compulsory education for the deaf. He thinks that the term in the present compulsory education law making the law apply to those in "proper mental and physical condition" should be modified to include the deaf. In fact he believes this law should be made to apply to the deaf rather than to others, as they are in need of their education all the more.

The report of Superintendent Rothert contains statistics showing that of every 1,500 people there is an average of one deaf person, making the deaf of the country number 50,000. Out of this total about 13,000 are attending the 57 State schools and a number of day denominational and private schools. The buildings and grounds of the 57 state schools referred to represent an investment of \$13,000,000, while the cost of annual maintenance and support aggregates \$2,000,000.

PRIDE IN IOWA SCHOOL.

The conclusion of Superintendent Rothert's general introduction reads as follows: "It is with justifiable pride that we refer to our own, our Iowa school, as a part of this great beneficent system, and as amply meeting its requirements, fully carrying out its mission and in accepted systematic, progressive, practical operations transforming the handicapped child groping in mental darkness into an active, communicative being, proud and content in the enjoyment of an American citizenship. It is a further source of satisfaction to know that these results are being and have been obtained in the Iowa school at a less cost per capita than in many smaller schools in our country."

Superintendent Rothert extends acknowledgments to the willing assistance of officers, teachers and employees for assistance, and to the members of the board of control for helpful authoritative supervision.

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PROGRAM.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH.

At 10:30 o'clock A.M.:—
Prayer.
Address of the President, Mr. Alexander L. Pach.
Report of Officers.
Report of Standing Committees.
Report of Local Committee.
Miscellaneous Business.
Recess.

At 2 o'clock P.M.:—
Prayer.
Reading of Communications.
Report of Committee on Enrollment.
Appointment of Committees.
Paper:—"Eccentricities of Hearing People Met Every Day," by Theo. I. Lounsbury.
Discussion.
Paper:
Discussion.
Recess.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH.

At 10:30 o'clock A.M.:—
Prayer.
Paper:—"Better Citizen Among the Deaf," by Frank Murray.
Discussion.
Paper:
Discussion.
Announcements.

At 2 o'clock, P.M.:—
Prayer.
Communications.
New Business.
Report of Committee on Resolutions.
Report of Committee on Nominations.
Election of Officers.
Unfinished Business.
Adjournment.

THURSDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock, there will be a service at St. Luke's Church, followed by a Reception in the Parish House.

FRIDAY EVENING, from 7:30 to 10 P.M., a Reception will be held at the Rochester Institution, by invitation of Dr. Westervelt, to members of the Association.

SATURDAY, there will be a Picnic at Sea Breeze, by Ephphatha Mission. The Mission, assisted by the local deaf generally, will entertain as guests the members of the Association, and a few others.

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